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Blake

U.S. Application No. 09/996,347, Filed November 28, 2001

## Enclosed:

Amendment Transmittal (4 pgs. in duplicate);  
Amendment (7 pgs.) and;  
Petition for Extension of Time (2 pgs. in duplicate).

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 Title: Carton Configured for Automated Loading  
 Art Unit: 3727  
 Examiner: Tri M. Mai  
 Attorney Docket: 67333  
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- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.  
☒ No additional fee is required.

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	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	-	**	0	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	-	*	0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 360.00	
** At least 3			Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00
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**Amendment Transmittal 1-1204**

Application No. 09/996,347  
Amendment dated June 24, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of January 12, 2005

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office action mailed on January 12, 2005, please amend the  
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**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.